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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

By Fazio
7/16/71
to Walters

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Dear Dick:

You should hand over the enclosed message and copy of my July 16 backgrounder to the Chinese Ambassador in Paris on Monday, July 19, 1971. These should be given to him, in an unsealed envelope, with the request that he transmit them to Premier Chou En-lai in the most rapid manner possible consistent with security.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

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Major General Vernon Walters
Senior Military Attache
American Embassy
Paris

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President Nixon expresses his warm appreciation for the courtesies that Premier Chou En-lai and the Government of the People's Republic of China extended to Dr. Kissinger during his visit to Peking.

The President has received Dr. Kissinger's reports of the visit and his talks with Premier Chou En-lai and other Chinese officials with great interest. He wishes to reaffirm all the understandings that were arrived at in these conversations and to assure the People's Republic of China that the United States Government will adhere to them scrupulously. The President hopes that the People's Republic of China will understand the bureaucratic complications that Dr. Kissinger outlined, and he reaffirms the procedures which Dr. Kissinger suggested for handling these problems.

The President has approved an interim visit to Peking prior to his own. He will send Dr. Kissinger and Ambassador Bruce in order to work out the detailed arrangements for the President's subsequent visit to China. Within the next six weeks the United States Government will propose, through this channel, possible dates for both the interim visit and the President's visit to Peking. The President warmly looks forward to his meetings with the Chinese leaders.

Dr. Kissinger wishes to add his own personal gratitude for the extremely gracious and hospitable manner in which he and his associates were received in Peking. He wishes to thank Premier Chou En-lai and all the other Chinese officials who made his journey so important and memorable.

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Enclosed is a copy of ^{Dr.} Mr. Kissinger's July 16, 1971 background briefing of the press in California which he thought would be of interest to the Premier. This is the only official statement that will be made by the U.S. Government on Dr. Kissinger's visit to Peking.